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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA - VOTING IN FIRST COMMITTEE ON KOREAN

QUESTION, OCTOBER 29

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 2699

1. VOTING IN THE UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE ON KOREAN QUESTION, OCTOBER 29, FOLLOWED ANTICIPATED COURSE PURSUANT RULE 131 OF "RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY". RULE 131 STATES: "IF TWO OR MORE PROPOSALS RELATE TO THE SAME QUESTION, THE COMMITTEE SHALL, UNLESS IT DECIDES OTHERWISE, VOTE ON THE PROPOSALS IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. THE COMMITTEE MAY, AFTER EACH VOTE ON A PROPOSAL, DECIDE WHETHER TO VOTE ON THE NEXT PROPOSAL."

2. PREDICTABLY, ALGERIA, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF RULE 131, MOVED THAT THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS SUBMITTED LATER (AUGUST 8) THAN OURS (JUNE 27) BE VOTED ON FIRST. THIS MOVE TO REVERSE PRIORITY WAS DEFEATED BY VOTE: IN FAVOR 52; AGAINST 64 (US, UPPER VOLTA); ABSTAIN 23.

3. THE COMMITTEE THEN PROCEEDED TO VOTE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR RESOLUTION. OUR RESOLUTION PASSED 59
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(US); AGAINST 51 (UPPER VOLTA); ABSTAIN 29.

4. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECOND SENTENCE OF RULE 131, A MOTION WAS THEN POSSIBLE AGAINST A VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. URUGUAY ACTUALLY MOVED TO BLOCK A VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE SUPPORT OF MANY NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES FOR THE TRADITIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY DISCUSSION AND LIBERAL INSCRIPTION, URUGUAY IN DUE COURSE WITHDREW ITS MOTION AFTER BEING APPROACHED BY A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. THE VIEW WAS STRONG AMONG MANY OF OUR COSPONSORS THAT A MOTION TO BLOCK THE VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION WOULD BE DEFEATED, AND THAT ITS DEFEAT WOULD PROMOTE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE HOSTILE TEXT. (SUCH A BLOCKING MOTION WAS DEFEATED IN THE 1974 DEBATE ON KOREA.)

5. THE COMMITTEE THEN PROCEEDED TO VOTE ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THIS COMMUNIST-SPONSORED RESOLUTION PASSED: IN FAVOR 51 (UPPER VOLTA); AGAINST 38 (US); ABSTAIN 50.

6. THE TIMING FR THE PLENARY VOTE IS NOT DETERMINED. THE NORTH KOREANS ARE PRESSING FOR VERY EARLY CONSIDERATION IN PLENARY AND THIS COULD BE THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SWEDES, AUSTRIANS, TUNISIANS, AND OTHERS WHO ARE PURSUING STEPS TOWARD COMPROMISE WANT MORE TIME. SINCE OUR RESOLUTION INVITES DISCUSSION, THE FRIENDLY COSPONSORS DO NOT OPPOSE THE SWEDISH GROUP'S EFFORTS. HOWEVER, NO FLEXIBILITY HAS BEEN DETECTED ON THE PART OF THE NORTH KOREANS.

7. RULE 91 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY READS THE SAME AS RULE 131. HOWEVER, RULE 91 APPLIES TO VOTING IN PLENARY, RATHER THAN VOTING IN COMMITTEE. ACCORDINGLY, THE ORDER OF VOTING IN PLENARY MAY BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THAT IN COMMITTEE ONE. WE WOULD JUDGE, THOUGH, THAT OUR RESOLUTION'S PRIORITY WAS SO ESTABLISHED BY THE VOTE IN COMMITTEE ONE THAT THE HOSTILE SIDE WILL NOT ATTEMPT AGAIN TO REVERSE PRIORITY.

8. WE RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA BE URGED TO INSTRUCT AMB YAGUIBOU TO CEASE HIS SUPPORT OF THE HOSTILE
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